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Sens. Stamas and Allen announce Fall Splendor Tour in northeast Michigan to promote tourism

LANSING – Sens. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, and Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, have announced their 2004 Fall Splendor Tour, aimed at highlighting the endless opportunities for fall tourism in northeast Michigan.

"The Fall Splendor Tour will highlight the many tourism opportunities that exist and await visitors in northeast Michigan," Allen said. "From Rogers City to West Branch and everywhere in between, the area is blessed with historic lighthouses, rivers for canoeing, state parks, roadside stands and scenic vistas to view the changing colors. I encourage everyone to get out and visit the many attractions the area has to offer."

Stamas and Allen will begin the tour Friday, Oct. 8 at 9 a.m. at the New Presque Isle Lighthouse and the 1905 House in Presque Isle County. The trip concludes at 4 p.m. at the Annual Quilt Show in West Branch with a number of stops in between.

"There is nothing like a fall color drive up north to take in all the rich and beautiful colors of the season," Stamas said. "Northern Michigan is full of hidden treasures. Senator Allen and I wanted to take this opportunity to make sure that residents across the state are aware of all the exciting opportunities for sightseeing and fun that await them in northern Michigan."

Following the tour of the New Presque Isle lighthouse and 1905 House, Stamas and Allen are scheduled to travel to Alpena for a boat tour of Middle Island during the Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival, stop for lunch along the US-23 Heritage Route, head to Oscoda for a tour of the Lumberman's Monument and end the day at the Annual Quilt Show in West Branch.